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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: S.J.GROVES INTEREST IN NIGERIA

REF: 75 LAGOS 10907

1. COMMERCE MAJOR PROJECTS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH JOHN SARFF, AN ATTORNEY IN S.J.GROVES' MINNEAPOLIS HEADQUARTERS, CONCERNING HIS FIRM'S INTEREST IN NIGERIA. SARFF HAS BEEN SUPPLIED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION INDIGENIZATION, INCORPORATION, REGISTRATION CONTRACTORS AND TENDER SYSTEM.

2. SARFF SAID GROVES MAJOR CONCERN IN MAINTAINING MANAGEMENT CONTROL WITH 60 PERCENT NIGERIAN EQUITY AND RAISED HYPOTHETICAL AS TO WHETHER 60-40 GROVES JOINT VENTURE INCORPORATED NIGERIA COULD SIGN MANAGEMENT
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE READ CONTROL CONTRACT WITH S.J.GROVES PARENT. OUR REPLY WAS THAT INDIGENIZATION DECREE PROVIDES STIFF FINES AND PRISON TERMS (PARA 2A LAGOS 646) FOR FALSE INFORMATION OR NIGERIAN FRONTS FOR CONTINUED EXPATRIATE CONTROL BUT TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT ADDRESS SARFF'S SPECIFIC QUESTION. OPINED THAT FMG MIGHT TAKE DIM VIEW SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, SUGGESTED

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GROVES SEEK NIGERIAN LEGAL EXPERTISE, BUT AGREED
REQUEST EMBASSY GUIDANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. THIS APPEARS ONE INSTANCE WHERE MAJOR U.S.
CONTRACTING FIRM INTERESTED IN NIGERIA MAY FOREGO
INCORPORATION DUE NOT BEING ABLE MAINTAIN MANAGEMENT
CONTROL WITH SCHEDULE II INDIGENIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

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